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Arrest made in Nassau St. shooting

CRIME
Young man faces attempted murder charges



Winnipeg police have made an arrest after a daytime shooting sent a man to hospital on Tuesday. Officers got to the scene by the corner of Nassau Street S. and Taft Crescent around 2:15 p.m. Tuesday and found a man bleeding on the ground. Police would not confirm the shooting was a drive-by but did say a vehicle was involved. They tracked it down 10 minutes after the shooting near Archibald Street and Marion Street, and a suspect was arrested there, said police.

Const. Rob Carver said the victim and suspect knew each other and have "some connection" but would not say if the incident is gang-related. "It's an absolutely incredibly reckless, incredibly dangerous act, and we've seen this in other cities where innocent bystanders that have nothing to do with this can become victims as well," said Carver. "It's tragic that we have one victim. We're very lucky that we don't have more victims." Friends on social media have identified the man sent to hospital as Morin Cashden. He went in critical condition to hospital, where he remained Wednesday night. Carver would not say if there is still the possibility of other arrests. Gage Alexander Hale, 21, has been charged with attempted murder and a number of firearms-related offenses. He is in custody, and the police investigation continues.

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Renovation a community affair

LIGHTHOUSE MISSION

Project Echo, and others lend a hand

Lunch with friends can make one feel warm inside and at Winnipeg's Lighthouse Mission on Main Street, the lunch experience just got a whole lot more cosy and inviting.

Staff and volunteers at Lighthouse showed off their kitchen renovations Tuesday, including a new dish pit, restaurant-standard equipment and new flooring.

The Lighthouse also has new warmly coloured paint on the interior walls, replacing the white, industrial look it featured for years.

Donor relations manager J'Lynn Johnson likes the new look and functionality and she said the people that come in for a warm meal like it, too.

"This is their home kitchen, this is where they come to have somebody listen, to have somebody care, to have that meal, to get that piece of clothing, to, well, to live."

Johnson came to Lighthouse in January 2013. She needed to do 40 hours community service for past mistakes in her life. She now has a full-time job at

the mission and is thankful for the people who help keep the doors open.

Operations manager Joel Cormie said the new kitchen will make the 2 p.m. meal, served to between 250 and 300 people Monday to Thursday, even more fulfilling.

And he said the improvements wouldn't have been possible without the kindness of their many community supporters, including the folks at Project Echo.

Wednesday's unveiling was Phase 2 of the improvements. Allan said there were many community partners who lent a hand, including Lisa Levinson from Garry's Deli, who was shutting down her family business and connected with Project Echo and Lighthouse to donate some of the restaurant equipment.

"For (Levinson) it was a very emotional experience, her dad had passed away and they just didn't want to sell off their equipment to somebody and not have an intent and purpose," Allan said.

"We ended up with an amazing amount of donation on all this equipment because she, too, wanted to give back to the community and make a better life and keep the vision of her family and the dream alive."

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J'Lynn Johnson, left, with James Morreel, Teen Challenge volunteer and head chef at Lighthouse. Once an alcoholic and drug addict, Morreel is now doing a six-month internship at Lighthouse with hopes of landing a job.



Lighthouse staff, volunteers and community partners at the Main Street mission. PHOTOS BY DONNA MAXWELL/FOR METRO



Who else gets to hear so many, 'Yeah, I can help, I'd love to help. What do you need?' That changes your whole outlook on a society that normally doesn't even say hi when you walk by. J'Lynn Johnson



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MILITARY

Reservist wanted to help others: Family

The family of a reservist who died on a military base in Manitoba says Pte. Kirby Tott felt privileged to serve his country.

Tott, who was 25, died Saturday while learning to reinforce a trench at Canadian Forces Base Shilo.

The military says Tott suddenly collapsed and there were no vehicles or equipment involved.

An autopsy is underway to determine the cause of death.

Tott was a corrections officer from Prince George, B.C., who belonged to a reserve regiment called the Rocky Mountain Rangers.

In a statement issued through the military, his family says Tott was driven to help others.

"Kirby was loved by his family and friends alike. He always brought a smile to our faces and our hearts," the statement read.

"He enrolled in the military



Kirby was loved by his family and friends alike. He always brought a smile to our faces and our hearts.

Family statement

because of his natural need to help others. After completing his time in the army he intended to apply for the RCMP.

"Our family would like to recognize and thank the community for their generous outpouring of sympathy since we received the news of his tragic passing. We have felt very loved and supported during this trying time."

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MORE LOCAL NEWS ONLINE

CRIME

Imprisoned man charged in sex assault

Winnipeg police have arrested a man for a sexual assault in St. Boniface in 2011.

On July 31, 2011, police were sent to the 400 block of Langevin Street after getting reports of an assault.

A woman who was 20 at the time had been walking in the area when she was knocked unconscious and attacked, according to police.

A witness saw what was happening and the assailant took off, but police said a search of the area at the time was unsuccessful.

Police said Wednesday evidence obtained at the scene of the assault led to an arrest

warrant being issued earlier this year, and on July 22 police arrested a man who was serving time at Stony Mountain Penitentiary for an unrelated crime.

"DNA evidence was recovered and we used DNA to obtain a warrant," said Winnipeg police spokesman Rob Carver.

Carver said DNA testing is a slow process, and that was a factor in the amount of time it took to make an arrest.

Emery Miles McLeod, 41, has been charged with sexual assault causing bodily harm and has been detained in custody.

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Tea artist Liying Zhu performs a traditional Chinese tea ceremony at Wednesday's announcement of the 2015 Chinatown Street Festival. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

Chinatown festival blends old with new

DOWNTOWN

More foot traffic targeted with movie, night market



Dave Baxter
Metro | Winnipeg

The people organizing this year's Chinatown Street Festival are adding a few new twists as they look to make the streets of the

historic neighbourhood "come alive."

The annual festival will once again feature things such as lion dancers, kung fu, kids' games, martial arts lessons and cultural performances.

New features this year include a night market and an outdoor screening of the movie Rush Hour 3 on a big screen at the corner of King Street and Pacific Avenue.

"Our downtown is becoming more of a nighttime economy," said Downtown Winnipeg BIZ executive director Stefano

Grande. "And a great way to get people involved in that is through things like a market and outdoor movies."

Downtown Winnipeg BIZ and the Winnipeg Chinese Cultural and Community Centre are also teaming up to set up custom-made bike racks and enhance cleanliness services in Chinatown.

"The Winnipeg Chinese Cultural and Community Centre has a long commitment to developing and invigorating Chinatown, and to celebrating Chinese culture and multiculturalism

in the city and province," said Tina Chen, a board member of the centre.

Area restaurants will be promoted through a restaurant passport tour called Chow Down in Chinatown, where anyone who visits nine restaurants will get a chance to win a \$500 gift card.

This marks the seventh year of the festival, which began in 2009 as a celebration of 100 years of Winnipeg's Chinatown.

The event starts Aug. 28 with a night market, and the movie screening will take place Aug. 29 around 9 p.m.



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Winnipeg Goldeyes players show off the special bacon jerseys and caps they will wear on Thursday. COURTESY WINNIPEG GOLDEYES

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Theme night at Shaw Park set to sizzle



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Whether you are a fan of baseball or a fan of bacon, you may want to get down to Shaw Park on Thursday night.

The Winnipeg Goldeyes will hold a bacon-themed night that will see the team battle the Amarillo Thunderheads while wearing special bacon jerseys and caps. After the game, fans will get a chance to bid on game-worn bacon jerseys.

Fans are also invited to the Manitoba Pork pre-game barbecue, where barbecued pork on a bun with bacon jam will be served before the opening pitch.

Proceeds from the barbecue and the sale of game worn jerseys will go to the Goldeyes Field of Dreams Foundation.

The bacon theme doesn't stop there as throughout the game there will be bacon-fuelled promotions, including trivia, giveaways, and the chance to win bacon for a year.

The smell of bacon will also take over the concourse, as food vendors will serve up special bacon-themed items including bacon caesars, maple bacon cupcakes by Cake-ology, bacon poutine and goldie dogs with bacon.

Manitoba is home to the largest bacon processing facility in Canada and August is Bacon Month in the province, according to the Goldeyes, and they are teaming up with Manitoba Pork to kick off a month of celebrating "life in the bacon capital of Canada."

Thursday's Goldeyes game starts at 7 p.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Feds funnelling \$40M into Winnipeg

Winnipeg will see more than \$40 million from the federal government's Gas Tax Fund for infrastructure projects this year.

The feds announced Tuesday they are allocating \$40,886,000 from the fund to 41 different infrastructure projects in the city.

Coun. Janice Lukes said \$17.5 million of this year's gas tax revenue will be used to make payments on the debt of the now-finished Disraeli Bridge project, and \$6.4 million will go toward

paying down the Chief Peguis Trial project.

Winnipeg Transit will also get a boost as \$5.8 million will go towards the purchase of new transit buses.

About 40 local roads will also see improvements from about \$11 million.

The planned projects include resurfacing of parts of the south-bound lanes on both Main Street and Henderson Highway.

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Municipal Government Minister Drew Caldwell, MP Joyce Bateman and Coun. Janice Lukes, Tuesday. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

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IN BRIEF

Health authority needs to do more to protect personal info: Auditor

Manitoba's auditor general says more work needs to be done to protect the personal information of patients and other data.

A new report from Norm Ricard says there are cybersecurity holes in the systems being used by the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority.

The report was prompted by the theft last year of a doctor's personal laptop which contained the records of more than 300 patients.

The audit says there is a significant risk of

people gaining unauthorized access to data systems and health records, in part because not enough records have been encrypted.

The report also says the health authority has failed to ensure that data remains protected when accessed by thousands of personal laptops, smartphones and other devices used by workers.

The health authority and the provincial Health Department say they accept the report and are working on implementing its recommendations for stricter security.

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CANADIANS REMEMBERED

Montreal mourns deceased hikers

Two Montrealers who died in an avalanche while hiking in New Zealand were remembered on Wednesday as avid outdoorsmen as well as students who were talented, creative and involved.

New Zealand police confirmed that the two bodies found in debris near a popular hiking track were those of Louis-Vincent Lessard and Etienne Lemieux, who were both Université de Montreal industrial design students.

"They were marked by an overwhelming enthusiasm and infectious good mood," Fabienne Munch, the faculty of design's director, said in a statement published on the university's website.

"The school of design, its professors and classroom staff will remember their commitment and their charming smiles."

On Facebook, a page that was set up to help locate the 23-year-old students when they went missing turned into a memorial with hundreds of messages of condolence.

The families of both men issued statements Wednesday to pay tribute to authorities for their attempts at finding the hikers.

"We would also like to thank everyone who transmitted messages of encouragement as well as information to help advance the search effort," the Lemieux family said on the New Zealand police website.

Lessard's family echoed those thoughts in their statement.

"The ... family is extremely grateful in the way the search was conducted and wish to thank everyone both near and far for the efforts they made during these operations," it read.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper steps out of his residence at 24 Sussex Drive in Ottawa in June. He's expected to call a federal election as early as Sunday.

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Tories seek free-trade deal before campaign kickoff

TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

Harper poised to sign off on international blockbuster

The Conservatives are anxiously hoping to sign off on a massive free-trade deal before kicking off an election campaign that's expected to start as early as Sunday.

CBC reported that Prime Minister Stephen Harper will head to Rideau Hall in Ottawa on Sunday or Monday to ask Gov. Gen. David Johnston to dissolve Parliament to call a federal election as early as Aug. 2.

The federal government is at the negotiating table in Hawaii, where Trans-Pacific Partnership talks are reportedly in their final stages.

With voting day set for Oct. 19, the governing Tories want

to launch the campaign with the deal in hand — an agreement they could brandish as evidence of their economic stewardship.

The partnership, a pact between 12 countries including Canada, the U.S., Mexico and Japan, is poised to become the biggest trade deal in history once ratified.

Experts say if the talks continue after the start of the campaign, they could prove politically sensitive for the



Canada cannot be left out of this kind of trade arrangement.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

government.

In particular, Canada is under pressure from other countries to lower the high tariffs that currently protect

domestic producers of eggs, milk, cheese and poultry from foreign competition.

In an interview with Bloomberg, Harper is insisting the government will protect the interests of every Canadian industry "as best we can."

Harper says the negotiations are "well advanced" and that Canada "cannot be left out of this kind of trade arrangement."

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3D technology may help rescue remote 1875 fort

CLIMATE CHANGE

Historic site used in polar exploration is deteriorating

A historic fort threatened by melting permafrost in one of the most remote locations on Earth might be preserved, thanks to 3D technology.

Fort Conger on Ellesmere Island was established in 1875 by British explorers looking for the North Pole.

It also served as scientific headquarters for the ill-fated Lady Franklin Bay expedition and was used by U.S. polar explorer Robert Peary in his quest for the North Pole.

"Melting permafrost is causing the surface area to sink and erode and that's damaging the wooden buildings," said Peter Dawson, a University of Calgary archeology professor.

"A lot of these historical sites in the Arctic are actually being impacted by the effects of climate change," he said.

"We were finding the depletion of sea ice was creating storm surges which were flooding some sites like Herschel Island and there's a large turn-of-the-century ... whaling settlement which has been flooded several times in the last 10 years."

Dawson used a borrowed 3D digital scanner to record every building, rock and artifact at Fort Conger in 2010.

He intends to do the same thing next year with his own scanner after receiving a grant from the Canada Foundation



A laser scanner is being used to create a three-dimensional map of Fort Conger on Ellesmere Island to help preserve the fort from further damage due to melting permafrost.

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The scanner, about the size of a lunch box, sits on a tripod, rotates 360 degrees and emits beams of laser light millions of times a minute.

It measures how long it takes the beams to strike the surface of a building or artifact and return to the scanner.

"We created a scan of the

There's a lot of really significant heritage sites that are associated with the heroic age of polar exploration.

Peter Dawson, University of Calgary

entire site — an area of about 32,000 square metres — and captured all of the standing

structures and building foundations and artifacts. We now have basically a very accurate

three-dimensional map and model of the site as it appeared at that time," Dawson said.

By re-scanning next year, he will be able to record any additional damage and, if necessary, mitigation work can be done.

Damage from melting permafrost is just one of several risks as Arctic ice opens up and allows more adventure tour companies to operate in the region. That leads to more people wandering over deteriorating sites.

"You can get 40 or 50 passengers disembarking at a time and wandering around and it's very difficult to monitor the impact these visitors are having," said Dawson.

"They can pick up artifacts or accidentally damage a building."

Lady Franklin Bay is an inlet on the northeastern shore of Ellesmere Island. The expedition in 1881 involved 25 men who set sail from Newfoundland to the bay, where they planned to collect a wealth of scientific data.

Three years later, only six survivors returned. Many of the men starved to death after attempts to bring in relief supplies failed.

"There's a lot of really significant heritage sites that are associated with the heroic age of polar exploration and this includes the search for the Northwest Passage and the North Pole," said Dawson.

"It was one of the first co-ordinated attempts by circum-polar nations to gain some sort of understanding about the Arctic climate."

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'ODIOUS SYMBOL'

Group wants flag banned in Canada



The Confederate flag is racist. Period.

That's the message from Nova Scotian Citizens Against White Supremacy.

The group held a press conference Wednesday at the Cornwallis Street Baptist Church in Halifax, calling on the provincial and federal governments to ban the display, sale and distribution of the flag.

"There are many people who confuse it as an issue of heritage. The question is not heritage. The question is what does it symbolize," said historian and professor Isaac Saney at the conference.

"It's quite clear the Confederate flag is an unabashed, an unequivocal symbol of racism, hatred and white supremacy. That is beyond debate."

Saney evoked the events that happened in June in Charleston, S.C., where nine black people were gunned down by a white supremacist in their church.

It's sad, he said that that had to be the catalyst for change, but it led to the Confederate flag being taken down at South Carolina's legislature.

"Even in the Southern U.S., it's become such a noxious, odious symbol to so many people that politically, they could not allow it to fly at their state capital," he said.

In Nova Scotia, activist Lynn Jones recounted seeing a truck in Truro emblazoned with the Confederate flag, and quotes like, "It's OK to be a redneck."

"I was actually afraid," she said.

"If someone tells me they don't see it as offensive, then I ask them to take the dirt out of their eye," she said.

"It's up to our governments, it's up to our education system, it's up to individuals, it's up to families to make sure that people do know."

Cornwallis Street Baptist Church Rev. Rhonda Britton agreed education is the overarching goal of their campaign.

"Some people are wilfully ignorant," said Britton.

"They want to ignore the history, but we are upfront and telling you the history so you cannot ignore it."

"And if you decide to not do anything about it then you are making a statement, and you need to know what that statement is."

MENTAL HEALTH

Overuse of social media risky: Report

A new study of Ottawa middle and high school students shows the frequent use of social networking sites is associated with poor mental health among children and adolescents.

The Ottawa Public Health study shows that youth who report using sites such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for more than two hours a day also reported poor mental health, psychological distress, suicidal thoughts or an unmet need for mental-health support.

"Parents should consider frequent use of SNSs (social

networking sites) as a possible indicator of, or risk for, mental health problems among children," the study said.

The study examined responses from 753 Ottawa students to the Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey in 2013.

Lead study author Dr. Hugué Sampasa-Kanyinga said there has been some investigation of the effects of social networking on university-aged students, but little was known about its association with middle and high school students.

MICHAEL WOODS/METRO OTTAWA

IN BRIEF

London-bound plane forced to land in Montreal

A London-bound plane carrying more than 300 people from the United States was forced to land in Montreal on Wednesday because of a bomb threat, police said.

Police received a call about 40 minutes before the British Airways flight from Las Vegas touched down at Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport.

British Airways said the captain decided to divert the aircraft as a precaution.

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ELECTIONS

Expats hoping top court will hear case

Two Canadians stripped of the right to vote because of their lengthy stay abroad are hoping the Supreme Court of Canada will hear the case, their lawyer said Wednesday.

Shaun O'Brien said last week's split Appeal Court decision affirming the voting ban prompted an outpouring of support.

"There's been a strong response," O'Brien said in an interview. "People (have been) reaching out to us — expats living around the world — who are very disappointed and dismayed by the decision."

Among those unhappy with losing their right to vote is veteran Canadian actor Donald Sutherland, an Officer of the Order of Canada.

In an opinion piece published in the Globe and Mail this week, Sutherland, 80, railed at the Conservative government for disenfranchising him and his wife because they mostly live in the U.S.

There will be no decision before the next federal election, which will happen Oct. 19 at the latest.

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Officer who killed driver faces murder charge

CINCINNATI

Race could be a factor in traffic stop shooting investigation

A University of Cincinnati police officer who shot a motorist during a traffic stop over a missing front licence plate has been indicted on murder charges, a prosecutor said Wednesday, adding that the officer "purposely killed him."

Prosecutor Joe Deters announced the grand jury indictment at a news conference to discuss developments in the investigation into the July 19 shooting of 43-year-old motorist Samuel DuBose by officer Ray Tensing.

DuBose's death comes amid months of national scrutiny of police dealings with African-Americans, especially those killed by officers. DuBose was black. Tensing is white. Authorities haven't indicated whether race was a part of the investigation.

Authorities have said Tensing spotted the car driven by DuBose and missing the front license plate, which is required by Ohio law. They say Tensing stopped the car and a struggle ensued after DuBose refused to provide a driver's license and get out of the car.

Tensing has said he was dragged by the car and forced to shoot at DuBose. He fired one shot, striking DuBose in the head.

But Deters dismissed Tensing's claim that he was dragged by the car and suggested that he shouldn't have pulled DuBose over to begin with.



From left, family members Audrey DuBose, Aubrey DuBose, Cleshawn DuBose and Terina Allen listen as their attorney Mark O'Mara, left, speaks to the media after murder and manslaughter charges against University of Cincinnati police officer Ray Tensing were announced for the shooting death of Samuel DuBose, on Wednesday in Cincinnati. JOHN MINCHILLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"He fell backward after he shot (DuBose) in the head," Deters said.

A warrant was issued for Tensing's arrest. Deters said Tensing could either turn himself in or officers could arrest him.

Tensing's attorney, Stewart Mathews, didn't immediately return phone messages seeking comment after Deters' announcement.

Mathews said earlier Wednesday that he thought an indictment was likely "given the political climate" and com-

“He purposely killed him. He should never have been a police officer.” Prosecutor Joe Deters

ments made by city officials. But Mathews said given the evidence he's seen, he doesn't believe there should be an indictment.

Body-camera video of the shooting was also released Wednesday. DuBose's family had been pressing for its release, and news organizations including The Associated Press had sued Deters to get it released

under Ohio open records law, but Deters released it before any ruling had been made.

Deters called the shooting "senseless" and "asinine."

"He purposely killed him," Deters said. "He should never have been a police officer."

The prosecutor also said he thought it was time to reconsider the university police

department's role.

"I don't think a university should be in the policing business," Deters said.

A message for comment was left Wednesday with the police department. The university said earlier this week it plans an independent review of its police department's policies.

The University of Cincinnati on Wednesday closed its main campus in anticipation of grand jury action in the case.

If convicted, Tensing could face up to life in prison.

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ZIMBABWE

Lion kill deemed illegal

A hunting guide and a farm owner appeared in court Wednesday on allegations they helped an American dentist kill a protected lion named Cecil, and the head of Zimbabwe's safari association said the big cat was unethically lured into the kill zone and denied "a chance of a fair chase."

The Zimbabwean men were accused of aiding Walter James Palmer, who reportedly paid \$50,000 to track and kill the black-maned lion. Zimbabwe police have said they are looking for Palmer, whose exact whereabouts were unknown.

During the nighttime hunt, the men tied a dead animal to their car to draw the lion out of a national park, said Johnny Rodrigues, chairman of the Zimbabwe Conservation Task Force.

The American is believed to have shot it with a crossbow, injuring the cat. The wounded lion was tracked for 40 hours before Palmer fatally shot it with a gun, Rodrigues said.

A professional hunter named Theo Bronkhorst was accused of failing to "prevent an unlawful hunt." Court documents say Bronkhorst was supervising while Palmer shot the animal.

Bronkhorst was released on \$1,000 bail after appearing at the Hwange magistrate's court, about 700 kilometres west of the capital Harare, according to his defence lawyer, Givemore Muvhiringi.

If convicted, Bronkhorst faces up to 15 years in prison.

A second man, farm owner Honest Trymore Ndlovu, also appeared in court but was not charged and was released from custody, his lawyer Tonderai Makuku said.

Using bait to lure the lion is deemed unethical by the Safari Operators Association of Zimbabwe, of which Bronkhorst is a member. The association has since revoked his licence.

Palmer remained secluded Wednesday in the face of protests at his clinic and the online furor.

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+ PALMER

U.S. lion hunter has Alberta connection

There appears to be a Canadian connection to a U.S. hunter at the centre of a social media storm for killing a protected lion in Africa. The Bowhunting Records of Alberta list a person named Walter Palmer who legally killed a mule deer in the province in October 2006.

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NEW MEXICO

Police dispatcher resigns over call

A teenager who called police but was told by a dispatcher to "deal with it yourself" before being hung up on said Wednesday she was panicked about a friend being shot but stayed as calm as possible.

Seventeen-year-old Esperanza Quintero told The Associated Press that she wished dispatcher Matthew Sanchez had done more to help after her friend Jaydon Chavez-Silver was shot in June. He later died.

In the recording, Quintero

snaps at Sanchez for repeatedly asking whether Chavez-Silver is breathing.

Sanchez resigned Tuesday, a day after the recording of the call was released. He was employed by the department for 10 years.

Fire Department spokeswoman Melissa Romero said Sanchez had dispatched an ambulance to the scene before he hung up and that it arrived less than five minutes after it was sent. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Teacher pleads not guilty to sex with students

A teacher accused of having sex with students has pleaded not guilty.

Keavin Keith, 30, a teacher in Louisiana, was indicted earlier this month on 30 counts of prohibited sexual conduct between an educator and a student.

Sheriff Brett Stassi Sr. says the investigation revealed Keith was allegedly having sexual relations with two other students.

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AFGHANISTAN

Taliban leader died 2 years ago: Agency

Afghanistan's main intelligence agency said Wednesday that the reclusive Taliban leader Mullah Mohammad Omar has been dead for more than two years.

The one-eyed, secretive head of the Taliban hosted Osama Bin Laden's al-Qaida in the years leading up to the Sept. 11 attacks and then waged a decade-long insurgency against U.S. troops after the 2001 invasion that ended Taliban rule.

He has not been seen in public since fleeing the invasion

over the border into Pakistan.

Abdul Hassib Sediqi, the spokesman for Afghanistan's National Directorate of Security, said Mullah Omar died in a hospital in the Pakistani city of Karachi in April 2013.

"We confirm officially that he is dead," he told The Associated Press.

It was not immediately clear why his death was only being announced now. The Taliban could not be reached for comment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRAQ

Suicide attacks kill 18

Militants in Iraq used stolen Humvees loaded with explosives to unleash a series of suicide car bombings targeting Iraqi security forces on Wednesday, killing at least 18 Iraqi troops, officials said.

The attacks came as the government pressed on with efforts to reclaim territory under the extremists' control in the embattled western Anbar province.

First, back-to-back suicide bombers rammed their Humvees into Iraqi forces deployed outside Anbar University, near the city of Ramadi, the provincial capital of Anbar. The city is held by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. At least 12 troops were killed in that attack, two officials told The Associated Press.

The officials — one with the Iraqi army, the other with the country's elite counter-terrorism forces — also said that eight Iraqi soldiers were wounded in that bombing.

Later Wednesday, another suicide bomber drove an explosives-laden Humvee toward army and paramilitary forces near Fallujah, which lies halfway between the capital, Baghdad, and Ramadi, killing six troops and wounding four others, the officials said.

Iraqi government forces recaptured Anbar University, located five kilometres south of Ramadi, from ISIL militants on Sunday. ISIL captured Ramadi in mid-May.

Also Wednesday, clashes continued southwest of Ramadi, killing one soldier and wounding eight others, the officials said.

Some militants were still holed up in some buildings inside the university complex and ground forces have asked for airstrikes, the officials added. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Iraqi security forces show off national flags Tuesday after regaining control of Anbar University in Ramadi.

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Bulldozers in West Bank

ISRAEL

PM announces new housing as Jewish settlers protest at site

Israeli bulldozers began demolishing a contested housing complex in a West Bank settlement on Wednesday as the prime minister's office announced the "immediate construction" of some 300 new units at another location in the same settlement and advanced plans for about 500 new units in east Jerusalem.

The move, which is likely to draw international rebuke, comes amid a standoff in the Beit El settlement, to the north of Jerusalem in the West Bank.

The standoff escalated sharply Wednesday, after the Israeli Supreme Court rejected a petition to overturn its initial ruling to demolish a complex in Beit El and ordered the destruction completed no later than Thursday.

The complex was deemed illegal because it was under construction without prior Is-



Israeli officers watch over the demolition of a building at the Jewish settlement of Beit El in the West Bank Wednesday. TSAFRIR ABAYOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

raeli authorization.

The military moved in and removed protesters holed up inside, but hundreds of Jewish settlers gathered at the scene and some fought with Israeli forces, who responded by firing water cannons at the

protesters.

Temperatures are high among some in the settler community as it marks a decade since Israel's "disengagement" from the Gaza Strip, when Israel in the summer of 2005 withdrew all its civilians and soldiers

from all of the settlements there and also from two in the West Bank.

Israel initially promised to build the 300 housing units in Beit El three years ago, when it ordered the removal of other buildings constructed on pri-

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We will build up the land of Israel.

Naftali Bennett,
head of a pro-settler party

vate Palestinian land.

The new units announced by Benjamin Netanyahu's office are both in Beit El and elsewhere, including areas in east Jerusalem that Israeli leaders say are inseparable neighbourhoods of Jerusalem.

The Palestinians, however, consider them settlements and say construction there is illegal, a position backed by the international community.

Israeli Education Minister Naftali Bennett, head of a pro-settler party, welcomed the announcement of the new units even as he criticized the top court's decision.

"The court's role is to judge; the government's role is to build," he said in a written statement.

"We will build up the land of Israel, but in a legal and appropriate way."

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HUNGARY

Anti-refugee fence to be ready Aug. 31

The construction of a fence meant to stop the flow of immigrants and refugees entering Hungary through its southern border with Serbia will be completed by Aug. 31, the Hungarian government said Wednesday.

Government spokesman Zoltan Kovacs said that Interior Minister Sandor Pinter assured a cabinet meeting that the deadline, which had earlier been set for Nov. 30, could be met.

Close to 100,000 migrants

and refugees have entered Hungary so far this year, compared to less than 43,000 asylum seekers in all of 2014. Over the past few weeks, especially since Hungary built a sample section of the fence on the border, the number of arrivals has gone up, often exceeding 1,500 people a day.

About 80 per cent of the asylum seekers are now from war-torn countries like Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan.

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WORLD POPULATION

Another 1.2B people on Earth by 2030

Move over: The world's population is expected to reach 8.5 billion by 2030 and 9.7 billion in 2050, a new United Nations report says. And there should be 11.2 billion people on Earth by the end of this century.

Meanwhile, India's population is set to pass China's in size around 2022, according to the report released Wednesday.

The population estimates play a huge role as the international community tries to figure out how to slow the dan-

ger of global warming, while pursuing the goals of eliminating both poverty and hunger.

The current world population is 7.3 billion. China and India each have more than one billion people.

The report says that by 2050 or so, Nigeria will pass the U.S. to have the world's third-largest population, behind India and China. Africa has the world's highest rate of population growth.

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Global economy still fragile, IMF declares

FINANCE

World markets are recovering but face risks, chief warns

International Monetary Fund (IMF) chief Christine Lagarde says the world economy is recovering but fragile and “faces some downside risks.”

In an online news conference Wednesday, Lagarde described the United States as “a strong performer” and China as “resilient” despite a recent drop in Chinese stock prices.

She also expressed optimism for the 19 countries that use the euro. The IMF expects the euro-zone economy to grow 1.5 per cent this year and 1.7 per cent in 2016; it expanded just 0.8 per cent in 2014.

“The euro area is beginning to turn the corner ... We have a more upbeat forecast than we



IMF managing director Christine Lagarde speaks during a news conference after the IMFC in April. On Wednesday, Lagarde predicted growth in China and the European Union.

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have in a long time,” she said.

Lagarde called again for Greece's creditors to reduce its debt burden. She said Greece needs to enact reforms that will

make its economy more efficient and expressed confidence that the IMF can work with Greece's left-wing government, which has criticized IMF policies.

“There are lots of things that you say (in politics),” she said. “What matters at the end of the day is what you do.”

Lagarde noted that a drop in worldwide commodity prices is likely to hurt emerging market economies. And the global economy could face fallout if the Federal Reserve raises short-term U.S. interest rates, which it has kept near zero since late 2008.

The IMF managing director said Japan's attempts to boost its economy through easy money policies, government spending and economic reforms — an effort called “Abenomics” after Prime Minister Shinzo Abe — “is turning out to be positive.”

Lagarde shrugged off a recent selloff in Chinese stocks, noting that China's shares are still 80 per cent higher than they were a year ago.

The IMF expects the Chinese economy to grow 6.8 per cent this year, fast by global standards but the slowest for China since 1990. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VERTICALSCOPE

Torstar buys 56% stake in digital-media firm

Torstar Corp. is tapping into the world of niche online forums by picking up a stake in VerticalScope Holdings Inc., a Canadian company that serves the appetites of car fanatics and offers tips to pet lovers.

The publisher of the Toronto Star, which ditched its Harlequin romance-novel business last year for \$455 million, is spending \$200 million for a 56 per cent stake in the digital-media company.

“We’ve been assessing opportunities to employ capital that resulted from the Harlequin sale for over a year now,” chief executive David Holland told analysts on Wednesday as Torstar reported a quarterly loss.

“It’s an important step forward in the transformation of Torstar, positioning the company for growth in its more digitally oriented future.”

Torstar was hit by another quarter where the downturn of print advertising revenue over-

shadowed its efforts to reduce costs across the operations. The company reported a loss attributable to shareholders of \$1.1 million or a penny per share for the quarter ending June 30, compared with a profit of \$19.7 million a year ago.

VerticalScope could offer relief from some of the troubles with its more than 600 consumer enthusiast online forums and premium content sites.

VerticalScope is based in Toronto and has about 130 employees.

“The investment in the business provides Torstar exposure to the U.S. economy, which diversifies us away from dependence on the Canadian economy in our media operations,” Holland said.

“I think the types of collaboration we could imagine may have as much to do with leveraging some of the relationships we have with major auto manufacturers in Canada,” he added.

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REAL ESTATE

Breaking Bad house being sold for \$1.6M

Two houses featured on the hit AMC-TV series Breaking Bad are up for sale in Albuquerque.

A mother-daughter realty team said this week they are helping sell the home where the fictitious Jesse Pinkman made methamphetamine on the hit show.

The house in Albuquerque's Country Club area is listed for \$1.6 million.

Susan C. Feil and Alicia Feil

Peterson of Coldwell Banker Legacy also listed another house that appeared in the series finale in Albuquerque's North Valley.

Breaking Bad follows former high-school teacher Walter White, played by Bryan Cranston, producing methamphetamine with a former student, Jesse Pinkman, played by Aaron Paul. The series ended in 2013.

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IN BRIEF

Yahoo Livetext app aims to make video chat private

Imagine making a video call without other people being able to listen in.

Yahoo is trying to make that happen with Livetext, a new app that seeks to make video calling as private as texting. Yahoo says video calls can be better than texts for expressing emotions. The app will be released Thursday in the U.S., Canada, Germany, France and the U.K. for Apple and Android devices.

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THE QUESTION

In my country, men's urinals have privacy barriers, but in Canada there are none and I suffer performance anxiety in the washroom. What is your advice?

Dear Ellen,

In my country, men's urinals have privacy barriers, but in Canada, there are none and I suffer performance anxiety in the washroom when I'm trying to urinate. What is your advice?

F.X.

Dear F.X.

I am not familiar with the etiquette of men's washrooms, so I've never heard of this problem. I can tell you that many women are irritated by the lack of stalls in many public venues, which means we have to spend most of our time during intermissions at movies and concerts, and between innings or quarters at sporting events, lining up to wait for a stall — but at least we do have privacy when we finally get into one. So I heartily sympathize with your problem.

I have consulted a male friend from L.A. about this, and he says he's had the same problem. According to him, most washrooms in the U.S. have privacy barriers, except for the urinal at Dodger Stadium, which he describes as basically a "trough."

But when he's in Canada, even when his bladder is bursting, he can't "go" when there are men on either side of him. The thought that they are "checking him out" when he's trying to relieve himself makes it impossible for him to proceed with the business at hand.

His solution is to take out his phone and read his emails, which takes his mind off the men to his left and right. Then he's fine to do what he needs to do. I'm not sure this would work for everyone, but I'm not sure what else to suggest. If other male readers have encoun-



Ani Castillo

tered this problem and have any suggestions, I'd love to hear them.

While we're on the topic, I may as well put in a word about the stupidity of equipping public washrooms with cheap toilet paper. Just the other day, I was in a ladies' room where another woman was in a stall, cursing and hurling small bits of toilet paper on the floor, because it kept ripping off in little pieces every time she tried to pull off a few squares from the humungous but unmovable role of tissue in the dispenser.

I commiserated with her, and we discussed what a perfect example this was of false economy. Presumably the management bought

cheap toilet paper to save money, but since management types are not the people who have to pick up millions of little bits of toilet paper off the floor, perhaps they don't realize how much is wasted.

As for women who "hover" over the toilet seat in order to avoid touching it, fair enough. But if you're going to spray all over the seat, it's only polite to wipe it afterwards, in consideration of the next person.

And I hope I don't have to tell anyone, male or female, to wash their hands afterwards, right?

Need advice?
Email Ellen
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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

Here's hoping we're seeing changes to the military's culture

This is it.

Canada's military leadership has the chance to prove that it will spare no one in the fight to rid the forces of sexual misconduct.

The signs so far are hopeful. A high ranking, "up-and-coming" officer — Lt.-Col. Mason Stalker — is facing 10 sex-related charges after a male victim came forward to military police in April.

The allegations stem from Stalker's time as a cadet volunteer in Edmonton between 1998 and 2007.

Stalker will be tried in civilian court and that, says lawyer Michel Drapeau, is a significant move, given the military typically tries the cases internally. Drapeau, who has represented military sexual assault victims, said he now expects civilian trials will be the norm. (A Canadian Forces spokeswoman said military investigators will make that decision on a case-by-case basis). Civilian trials would be a critical improvement, given widespread condemnation of the military's handling of sexual-misconduct allegations, as detailed in the damning report by retired Supreme Court Justice Marie Deschamps, released earlier this year.

The Deschamps report identified a shocking lack of justice amid a culture of "endemic" sexual misconduct — a culture vividly illustrated by former chief of defence staff

Gen. Tom Lawson last month when he blamed the problem on biological wiring.

Despite the fact civilian courts have taken over Stalker's case, the military is — rightly — continuing to investigate. So I hope it will answer a few pressing questions for me: Did others in the military know about the alleged assaults? If so, what did they do with that information?

The military will be judged not just for catching a single big fish, but also by its efforts to smoke out low-level players — those who witnessed, overheard, or otherwise knew about allegations — and punish them.

There will be no cleansing of the military's sexually-poisoned culture until it targets those who look the other way.

Last week, the new top soldier, Gen. Jonathan Vance, foreshadowed the Stalker charges, promising "changes and announcements in the near future" to show he's serious about tackling sexual assault.

I expect, then, not to wait much longer for the results of an ongoing military investigation into an alleged sexual assault at the prestigious Royal Military College in Kingston, Ont., which has already taken over two months.

Here's hoping we're seeing the beginning of deep changes. They can't come quickly enough.

THE MICROTREND: One more blow to Ebola



Though Ebola hysteria has blown over, the West African outbreak still has not. But this week saw some good news: The World Health Organization reported only seven new infections, the lowest in more than a year. But don't schedule a goodbye party just yet — the WHO was careful to say about 2,000 people who have been exposed to Ebola in the last 21 days are still walking around in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone — the crisis could reignite any time. SOURCE: WHO

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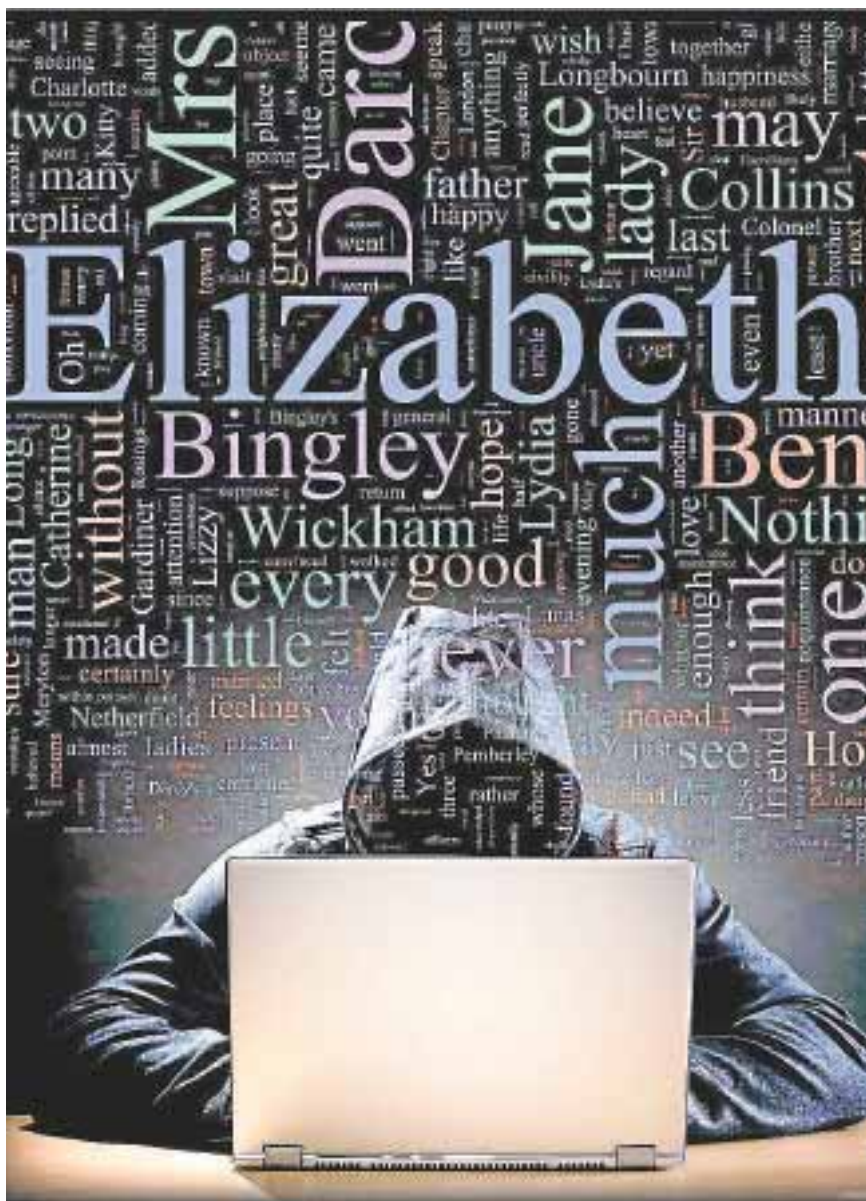
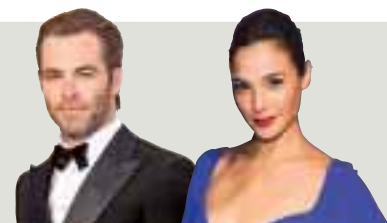
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Hackers are using literary text to hide malware. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION: JASON LOGAN/METRO; IMAGES: ISTOCK

Sense and hackability

19TH CENTURY CODE

Malware takes a page (literally) from a Jane Austen novel

It would be a shock, a terrible shock, to Elinor Dashwood and the other characters in *Sense and Sensibility*, to see this happening.

Unbeknownst to her or author Jane Austen, it seems that hackers from the 21st century are appropriating text from the 19th-century classic novel to spread malicious software.

Researchers from Cisco Security said in a report released Tuesday that literary passages are becoming a new way to hide malicious code that allows hackers unlawful entry into computers and networks.

"Adding passages of classic text to an exploit kit landing page is a more effective obfuscation technique than the traditional approach of using random text," said researchers in their mid-year security report.

"The use of text from more contemporary works such as magazines and blogs is another effective strategy. Antivirus and other security solutions are more likely to categorize the web page as legitimate after 'reading' such text."

Cisco researchers said encountering references to Austen characters on a web page "may be perplexing but not a cause for immediate concern."

Jason Brvenik, a Cisco engineer, said it remains a mystery about who is behind the literary hacking or why that novel was chosen over others.

"It is a seemingly random selection but it always from that book," he said.

Still, the technique opens the door for dastardly exploits from computer hackers, according to Cisco.

Hackers can deliver a variety

of malicious "payloads" through these tools, according to Cisco, including "ransomware," a growing technique that locks a user's files unless a ransom is paid.

The researchers said this is just one example about how hackers are innovating to find ways around computer protection.

"Hackers, being unencumbered, have the upper hand in agility, innovation and brazenness," Brvenik said.

"We see this time and again, whether it is nation-state actors, malware, exploit kits or ransomware." AFP

+ LITERARY SMACKDOWNS

Use every hack in the book

If Jane Austen-loving hackers had a malicious sense of humour, here's what their malware quotes would attack:

• **Snapchat** "Life seems but a quick succession of busy nothings." (*Mansfield Park*)

• **Twitter** "To flatter and follow others, without being flattered and followed in turn, is but a state of half enjoyment." (*Persuasion*)

• **iTunes** "Without music, life would be a blank to me." (*Emma*)

• **Tinder** "She is tolerable, but not handsome enough to tempt me." (*Pride and Prejudice*)

• **Facebook** "I will not torment myself any longer by remaining among friends whose society it is impossible to enjoy." (*Sense and Sensibility*)

• **Humblebrags** "Nothing is more deceitful than the appearance of humility. It is often only carelessness of opinion, and sometimes an indirect boast." (*Pride and Prejudice*)

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Trading horror for extremism

DIFFERENT TYPE OF MONSTER

Nick Cutter's new novel is a nightmare of a religious tale

BOOKWORM

Sue Carter



When horror writer Nick Cutter (a.k.a. Craig Davidson) wrote the first draft of his new novel, *The Acolyte*, it was a very different time both politically and socially. It was post-9/11, and George W. Bush was winding down his eight-year U.S. presidential term, drawing to a close an era marked

with a religious fervour that made Cutter fearful.

"It's not a warm and fuzzy, cuddly piece of writing," he says. "I got really obsessed with two close bedfellows between state and religion. I had nightmares about it."

Those bad dreams translated into *The Acolyte*, a taut dystopian thriller about a cop named Jonah Murtag, tasked with eliminating unauthorized religious faiths in New Bethlehem, a world where the Old Testament rules, and cities fall under the leadership of "Prophets." After witnessing a suicide bomber blast the local Prophet's daughter on stage at a concert, Murtag begins to realize that not all is as it seems.

Cutter estimates that his first manuscript clocked in at a hefty 180,000 words. During intensive editing with his publisher, Toronto's ChiZine Publications, he cut large chunks of the story, in part because of its "moralizing" tenor. "I don't share those sentiments with the same vociferousness that I used to," Cutter says. "I guess as I've discovered as the years have gone by that a really virulent Christian right-winger or an atheist both get on my nerves. On either

side you get to a point where no one is listening to you, and you get shrill."

Although *The Acolyte* was written well before Cutter became a Canadian horror favourite, fans will recognize the signature violence and quick-witted dialogue of his previous two published books — *The Troop*, the Stephen King-praised novel in which camping boy scouts meet up with a grotesque kill-

er tapeworm, and *The Deep*, a claustrophobic mind-trip set in an underwater science station — grounded by personal, human emotions.

"The way I write horror is that you isolate a few fears that you feel quite profoundly about, and the goal is to try to translate that fear to your readers," Cutter says. "You have to find the fear inside your own heart and put that on the page."

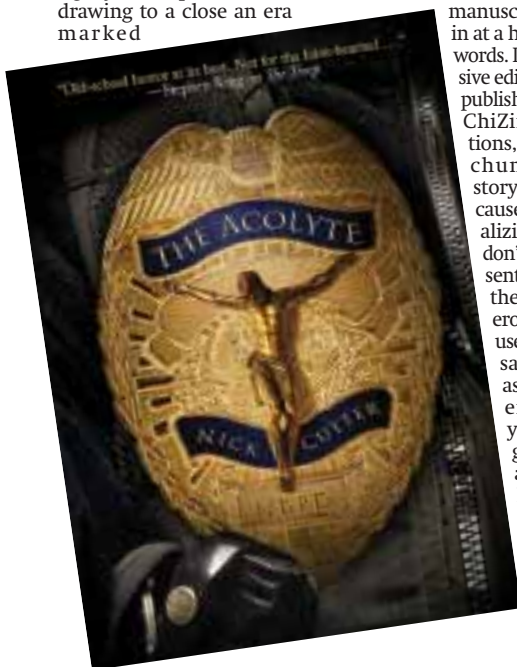
While Cutter's monsters are not for the squeamish or faint of heart, they exist in a fantasy, whereas the religious extremism and dogma in *The Acolyte* at times seems a little too close to the evening news.

So, did he ever worry about writing about religion — a touchy subject at the best of times?

"I never worried too much about the idea of going too far,

which in the end can be your Achilles heel as a writer, in that you never know when to break and pull back and approach things less recklessly," he says. "But I did write an afterword for the book. I don't know if it's maturity, but as I get older, I don't want to hurt people's feelings or insult their beliefs."

Sue Carter is editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



LITERARY PRIZE

Jamaican first for Booker longlist

The Man Booker Prize for the best fiction novel revealed its longlist on Wednesday.

Entries must be written originally in English and published in the U.K., although 2015 marks the second year in the contest's 45-year history that it has been open to writers of any nationality. The shortlist will be announced Sept. 15, while the winner will be revealed Oct. 13.

The list, chosen from 156 entries and announced Wednesday, includes *A Brief History of Seven Killings* by Marlon James, the first Jamaica-born Booker contender.

Novels by Americans Anne Tyler and Marilynne Robinson are among 13 contenders.

Also selected are Ireland's Anne Enright for *The Green Road*, British writer Andrew O'Hagan's *The Illuminations*, the U.K.'s Tom McCarthy for *Satin Island* and Sunjeev Sahota, also of the U.K., for *The Year of the Runaways*.

Five American novels are on the list: Tyler's *A Spool of Blue Thread*, Robinson's *Lila*, Bill Clegg's *Did You Ever Have a Family*, Laila Lalami's *The Moor's Account* and Hanya Yanagihara's *A Little Life*.

Also on the longlist: *Sleeping on Jupiter* by India's Anuradha Roy, *The Chimes* by New Zealand writer Anna Smaill, and *The Fishermen* by Nigerian Chigozie Obioma. AFP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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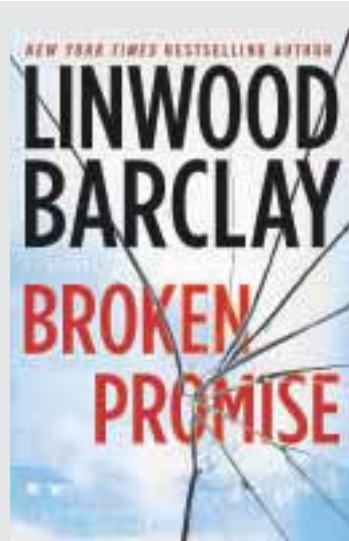
PART 4 OF 4**Something dark has infected Promise Falls**

Bestselling thriller author Linwood Barclay returns this month with *Broken Promise* (Doubleday, July 28, \$22.95) the first book in an explosive new trilogy.

Yesterday, we left David trying to find out how his cousin Marla ended up with a baby who clearly isn't her own. The more David listens to Marla's story of a stranger giving her the baby, the more concerned he becomes.

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I checked out the stroller. It was in the folded position. On the right handle were more bloody smudges that looked like the one I'd seen on the doorjamb



"We need to know who bore this child," I told Marla. "Like, medical history. You need to know about his real mother and father, what diseases or conditions they might have."

"Why don't you want me to be happy, David?" Marla asked. "Don't you think, after all I've been through, I deserve some happiness?"

I didn't know what to say, but it turned out I didn't have

to come up with something. Marla said, "I'm going to freshen up. Now that you're here, I can have a shower, put on some clean clothes. I was thinking Matthew and I would go out and get a few things."

"The stroller, behind the door," I said. "Did you buy that yesterday?"

"No, the angel brought that," she said, and slipped into the bathroom and closed the door.

I checked out the stroller. It was in the folded position. On the right handle were more bloody smudges that looked like the one I'd seen on the doorjamb.

I opened up the contraption and found stale, dry Cheerios, three rattles, a small wooden car with thick wooden wheels, and a flyer for a store that sold baby supplies. On the flyer was an address for Rosemary

Gaynor, of 375 Breckonwood Drive.

I got out my cell, tapped on the app that would allow me to find a number for the Gaynor household. But once I had it under my thumb, I considered whether making the call was the smartest thing to do.

Maybe it made more sense to go over there. Right now. I heard water running in the bathroom. The shower. The phone still in my hand, I called home.

It picked up on the first ring. "Yeah?"

"Dad, I need to talk to Mom."

"What's up?"

"Just put her on."

A fumbling sound, a muted "He wants to talk to you." And then: "What is it, David?"

"Something's happened here at Marla's Mom, there's a baby here."

"What?"

"She's got a baby. She says it's hers. She says some woman came to the door and just gave it to her. But the story, it's just not holding water. Mom, I'm starting to wonder ... I hate to say this, but I'm wondering — God, this sounds totally crazy — but I'm wondering if she snatched this kid from someone."

"Oh, no," Mom said. "Not again."

HARPER LEE BESTSELLER**Watchman sales drop**

Sales dropped sharply for Harper Lee's *Go Set a Watchman* in its second week of publication. But it remained the bestselling book in the United States for the week ending July 26, according to Nielsen BookScan. On Wednesday, Nielsen reported sales of 220,000 for *Watchman*, less than a third of Nielsen's total for the novel's first week on sale.

Publisher HarperCollins announced last week that *Watchman* panned by many critics, had already sold around 1.1 million copies in North America alone.

1.1M

The number of copies of *Go Set a Watchman* already sold in North America

The total includes ebooks, audiobooks and pre-orders for *Watchman*.

which topped bestseller lists soon after HarperCollins revealed in February that a second novel was coming from the author of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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HISTORICAL FICTION**Author feels instant connection with adventurous new subject**

Emily Laurence
Metro in New York

People are always telling author Paula McLain who to write about next. "I'll be at Target and (someone) will say, 'Oh James Joyce had a crazy wife. You should write about that!'" says McLain, whose first book *The Paris Wife*, a historical fiction about Ernest Hemingway's wife became a New York Times best-seller.

Three years later, McLain is back with another historical fiction book, *Circling the Sun*, this time about Beryl Markham, a glamorous British expat living in 1920s Kenya, who had no shortage of adventures, and affairs.

An instant spark

"I had a million ideas about who to write about next, but for me, there has to be a mysterious, powerful, profound connection," McLain tells us.

"I felt that instantly with Beryl when I read her memoir *West With The Night*."

McLain had never heard of Markham, but she says the

connection was immediate. "All the hairs on my arm just stood up and I thought, I don't know who this woman is, but I am going to write about her. That's it. It's done."

**An unexpected connection**

She discovered they had amazing connections, such as the fact their mothers had both abandoned them at the age of four and re-entered their lives

when they were 20.

McLain says once she realized their common connections, the architecture of the book came together quickly.

"I knew I wanted to write about her early life as opposed to her later life because I was interested in how she got the way she was," McLain says of her subject.

"Gossip followed Beryl her whole life. It's like, who didn't she sleep with? ...

"I was compelled to psychoanalyze her based on some of my own psychology because we had this piece of the story."

Trailblazer

Markham was indeed interesting, becoming the first woman licensed to be a professional racehorse trainer and the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic from East to West. She had countless affairs, including with a prince.

Markham loved Kenya — "It was truly her Eden," McLain tells us — but McLain resisted visiting Africa until after the book was written.

"You can't really visit Kenya in 1917, except in your imagination," she says.

AWKWARD

Hammer didn't know he was nude



Armie Hammer

The joys of young parenthood can sometimes cloud your judgment, as *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.* star Armie Hammer learned.

"I found out today that I have nude pictures on my phone," he tells Jimmy Kimmel. The revelation came after discussing his 8-month-old daughter with a hairstylist. "The lady said, 'Do you have any pictures of your daughter?' I said, 'Of course! I've got tons of pictures!'" he explains. "I'm going through my phone ... and I get to pictures where ... she's kind of lounging on the sink and she looks like she's having the time of her life. I'm showing her these pictures and I'm like, 'Look at how cute she is! We're in the bathroom. She's just right in the bathtub.' And after showing her these pictures for about 30 seconds I realize that I'm standing fully nude in the mirror of this bathroom as I'm showing her these pictures. As quickly and casually as possible, I went, 'Anyway, you get the picture!'" NED EHRBAR/FOR METRO

Affleck denies dating the nanny



According to *US Weekly*, Ben Affleck is dating his kids' nanny. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

RELATIONSHIPS

Who doesn't love a good divorce cliché? Garner, for one



Ned Ehrbar

Here's a classic: Ben Affleck is reportedly following up his split from Jennifer Garner by shacking up with ... his kids' nanny, Christine Ouzounian, according to *US*

Weekly.

Come on, Ben. That's just tacky. Have you learned nothing from *Jude Law*?

Anyway, Ouzounian stared working for Affleck and Garner during the couple's alleged secret 10-month trial separation, and sparks just kind of started flying. As they do. "They would hang out without the kids, and they were very flirty," a source says. "She says Ben really, really likes her. She's saying this is true love." Of course she is.

Because a grumpy movie star just out of a 10-year marriage is what relationship stability is made of.

Garner, as you might imagine, was not so pleased when

she reportedly found out about their extracurricular dealings and promptly fired the Arizona State University grad.

But spell-check defier Ouzounian has still been in text and email contact with Affleck and even spent some time at his newly minted L.A. bachelor pad earlier this month. So there.

Affleck, for his part, is having none of this nanny-dating story.

His rep tells *E!* News that the "story is not true. It's tabloid journalism hiding behind blind sources. It's a shameful ploy to stay relevant for the magazine. We are considering legal options." Oh snap.

+ BERRY ON THE BRINK, TATUM'S GAMBIT

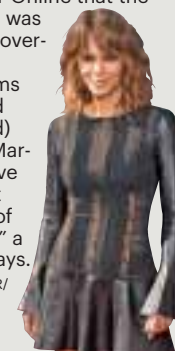
Is Halle Berry's marriage on the rocks?

The latest contestant on *Hollywood Wedding Ring* watch is apparently Halle Berry, who is getting attention this week for showing up for some child-minding duties sans gold band.

And sorrowful sources tell *Radar Online* that the omission was no mere oversight.

"It seems Halle and (husband) Olivier (Martinez) have finally hit the end of the road," a source says.

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Channing Tatum looking to get out of *Gambit*

There's potential trouble in superhero land, as Channing Tatum is reportedly eyeing a swift exit from Fox's stand-alone film *Gambit*, about the fan-favourite Cajun mutant, according to the *Wrap*.

Tatum's reps are said to be in active discussions with the studio, but "something is up." Tatum is also involved with the project as a producer, and it's unclear if he'll stay on in that capacity should he bow out of starring.

The film is set to be released in October 2016, and Tatum appeared earlier this month at Comic-Con to hype it.

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BEEF

Drake slugs Meek Mill with diss track, Joe Carter pic

Touch 'em all, Drake.

The Toronto rapper invoked beloved ex-Blue Jays slugger Joe Carter with his latest shot in his ongoing feud with rapper Meek Mill. The Grammy winner issued *Back to Back* overnight, accompanied by a photo of Carter's triumphant trot following his World Series-winning walk-off home run in 1993. Of course, Toronto's opponent that year was Philadelphia — Mill's home town. After *Charged Up*, it's Drake's second lyrical response to Mill, who alleged on Twitter recently that Drake doesn't write his own rhymes. On *Back to Back*, the 28-year-old Drake takes several shots at Mill's relationship to rap titan Nicki Minaj, a long-time cohort of Drake's whom Mill is cur-



Drake

rently supporting on tour.

"You love her, then you gotta give the world to her," Drake raps. "Is that a world tour or your girl's tour?" Minaj performed in Toronto on Tuesday and allowed Mill to make a cameo appearance during her headlining set. Several fan-shot videos depict Mill being heartily booed by the partisan Toronto crowd.

Posted early Wednesday morning, Drake's freestyle seems to reference the fresh incident.

"I mean, whoa, can't fool the city man, they know what's up."

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What they're asking

Want to invest in the condo market? Check out this selection of new builds and pre-construction one-bedroom condominiums. If you're willing to wait a while, buying from plans can save you a bundle.

Duncan McAllister FOR METRO



\$233,900

Winnipeg

Phase 1 of Oxbow of Tuxedo Point is a new, multi-unit condo development now under construction on the Sterling Lyon Parkway. \$233,900 is the starting price for a one-bedroom suite, with occupancy slated for late fall 2015. The suites offer engineered hardwood floors, granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. The development by Towers Realty Group and Pre-Con Builders is situated between a retail shopping complex and the greenery of Assiniboine Forest Park. For more information contact 204-255-8436 or visit oxbowcondos.com.



\$299,900

Halifax

Seapoint is the first landmark condominium at the 22-acre Harbour Isle Waterfront Village. It's currently in pre-construction in Dartmouth, and boasts stylish suites, inspired architecture and active lifestyle amenities. The units will feature large balconies with views of the harbour, the city skyline and the Dartmouth Yacht Club next door. The Bridgewater suite is 940 sq. ft. with a 158-sq.-ft. balcony, available on floors six through 16. Visit gettheseapoint.com for more details.



\$255,000

Calgary

Built by the Qualex-Landmark Group, Park Point's 34-storey, mixed-use residential tower features 289 suites and overlooks historic Central Memorial Park, one of Canada's oldest urban parks. Located in the heart of Calgary's Beltline, Park Point will host nearly 9,000 sq. ft. of owner-accessible building amenities atop the tower podium. Residents will enjoy panoramic views of the city and the park, in Calgary's rapidly evolving urban city centre. For more information contact 403-244-2428 or visit qualex.ca.



\$264,000

Toronto

Here's a 482-sq.-ft., one-bedroom suite at Islington Terrace by Tridel, currently in pre-construction in the historic Islington Village neighbourhood. The transit-friendly community offers quick access to the Islington subway station and Mississauga Transit terminal. The building is located close to shopping and restaurants along the Kingsway on Bloor. There's 50,000 sq. ft. of amenity space including a fitness centre, indoor pool and outdoor terrace. For more information call 416-645-8862, or email islingtonterrace@tridel.com.



\$374,000

Ottawa

Cathedral Hill by Windmill Developments is currently under construction on the western edge of downtown. Featured is the one-bedroom Corus suite at 743 sq. ft. The condo promises exceptional views of the Ottawa River, Gati-neau Park, Parliament Hill and Sparks Street. The full range of lifestyle amenities includes an executive concierge. This sustainable development is targeting LEED gold standard, and offers the convenience of downtown living within natural green surroundings. Contact Chantal Smith at 613-566-7010 for more information.



\$329,900

Vancouver

Kensington Gardens is a new master-planned community by Vancouver developer Westbank. The featured price is for a 568-sq.-ft., one-bedroom condo suite. Each unit features open balconies or terraces. Kensington Gardens is an integrated urban community comprising three unique residential towers, a collection of townhouses and a residential podium, linked by an elevated landscaped courtyard. The development boasts five-star, hotel-quality amenities. Call 604-620-7886 or visit kensingtongardens.ca for more information.



\$310,000

Edmonton

Link condos at Ellerslie is a new, eight-storey midrise building by Regency Developments in the MacEwan neighbourhood of South Edmonton. The concrete and steel structure has 105 suites, and the underground parkade is now under construction to be completed in late 2016. There's plenty of greenery and landscaping. All balconies have natural gas hookups and there's a full rooftop patio. The development is close to amenities with quick access to the rest of the city. For more information, contact 780-497-1700 or visit linkellerslie.ca.

Throw them some shade this season

It's finally arrived — the summer heat is upon us and as much as we like to complain about it, I think most of us are secretly happy we've got some summer sun. With it comes the responsibility to protect our skin, so here are a few helpful shade sources.

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Karl Lohnes



1

1 ShelterLogic Sun Shade Sail

Create your own shade system from trees, flagpoles and balconies. Heavy-weight 16-ft. square in lime, \$108, Walmart.ca

2

2 Outdoor Window Sheer Curtains

Keep the sun off the porch; Velcro tabs make it easy to take them down and wash. \$20, Lowes.ca

3

3 Balinese Umbrella

Create a royal affair under the sun. \$350, Pier1.com

4

4 Auto-Lift Round Solar-Powered Umbrella

Opens and closes without the need of a crank while boasting solar lights; both controlled by a remote. Nine feet wide, \$200, CanadianTire.ca

5

5 Total Sun Block Beach Shelter

Use while watching a soccer game or hanging out at the beach. \$50, BedBathBeyond.ca

6

6 Bayside Octagon Panelized 12' Gazebo

Got room? Create your own shaded outdoor dining room ... or perhaps a performance stage. \$5,900, HomeDepot.ca

ADVICE

Holmes on home-buying IQ

Mike Holmes, famous for calling out bad plumbing, carpentry and electrical work on the HGTV show *Holmes on Homes*, says there are steps homebuyers can take to avoid many of those problems.

Holmes has a new show on Fox called *Home Free*, a competition reality show in which nine couples are challenged each week to restore a run-down home in Atlanta.

They must live on the job site and follow Holmes' no-nonsense instruction. Couples whose work isn't up to code are gradually eliminated, and the last remaining couple wins a home.

Here, Holmes offers some advice for people looking to buy a home:

What's the biggest mistake people make when looking to buy a home?

We buy based on illusion. We don't buy with intelligence. We trust a real estate agent that we don't even know. More than anything, we buy by what we see. "Oh my God, it's got new paint. Look at the curb appeal." I'm trying to impress on people that you need to do as much homework as possible.



Professional contractor Mike Holmes has a new show called *Home Free* airing Wednesdays on Fox. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Take me through a typical scenario of someone buying a home.

Take a couple we'll call Mary and Joe. They decide to buy a house and they get excited, so all of a sudden their emotions change. Mary and Joe start looking on the Internet, they start driving around and picking a property, and then they look for a real estate agent. And when they pick the house they want, then they start looking for a home inspector.

If you plan on buying a property, you should look for a real estate agent first. Find the best real estate agent on the market. Before you start look-

ing at a house, find the best home inspector there is.

How do you find the right real estate agent or home inspector?

Ask, "How long have you been in the business? What areas have you worked in? How many houses have you sold?" In other words, you start by asking a ton of questions, and you want answers. "Do you have a list of references?" Call the references.... To a home inspector, ask, "How long have you been in the business? Did you do construction before you did inspection?"

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METRO SPACES

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StreetSide Developments has seen explosive sales with its first two sold-out townhome developments in the area, NorthTown and Bridgwater Forest Townhomes, and is now poised to do the same with only select remaining move-in-ready suites in the completed phases of its apartment-style condominiums, The MIX Condominiums and Bridgwater Forest Condominiums.

The MIX is set to take the most advantage of future development in Bridgwater. Edging the land devoted to Bridgwater Centre's ambitious plans, all amenities will be within a stone's throw from the attractive suites.

"What sets The MIX apart from other condos in the area is the location," says Jessica Willis, sales and marketing manager of StreetSide, the developer of The MIX. "It is technically still in Bridgwater Forest, but it's right on the border of the future Bridgwater Centre."

Bridgwater Centre is modeled after the success of Osborne Village, and The MIX is in on the action — right down the street from the upcoming Save-On-Foods and pharmacy anchor, and a short walk to future amenities.



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The MIX's four-storey, premium building also faces onto wetlands and walking paths, so you don't have to sacrifice being close to nature for proximity to amenities.

Another big draw to The MIX is what's inside — upgrades such as quartz counters in the kitchen, deluxe tiled backsplashes, plank flooring, stainless appliances and premium roller shade blinds are all standard.

"We've had lots of interest in our Indigo plan, which is almost sold out in Phase 1," says Willis. "It's over 1,000 square feet and is priced as low as \$255,000 including GST."

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Homes for rent at Ruth Gardens start at \$1,450 per month including utilities: Water, electricity, hydro, and sewer. Each suite has individually controlled heating and air-conditioning panels.

The location of Ruth Gardens is highly convenient for residents, too. The ground



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Pens deeper with recent moves

NHL

Forwards Kessel, Fehr, Bonino all added in July

Forget about the March of the Penguins. This is the July of the Penguins.

Pittsburgh general manager Jim Rutherford has completely revamped his forward group this month, adding more star power on the wing in Phil Kessel and plenty of depth with centre Nick Bonino and forward Eric Fehr. While the Penguins looked on shaky ground with difficult salary-cap situation after a first-round exit, they could now be primed for another few long playoff runs.

That's a strong possibility because the Penguins still have Sid-

ney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin in their primes and because Rutherford has gone about addressing past problems. Now there are enough established veterans and young players with potential to overcome cap issues and injuries if they arise this season.

"Based on what we went through last year with a number of injuries and everything, I like our depth at forward now," Rutherford said on a conference call Tuesday. "We do know that injuries are going to play a part here, and some of these (young players) are going to get their opportunity."

Last season Pittsburgh dressed 24 different forwards because of injuries and trades. Many were far from productive, leaving Crosby and Malkin to shoulder the bulk of the offensive load.

On opening night

the Penguins could feature a top nine of Crosby, Malkin, Kessel, Bonino, Chris Kunitz, Pascal Dupuis, David Perron, Patric Hornqvist and Beau Bennett, with Fehr stepping in once he's back from elbow surgery. And those spots aren't set in stone, as Rutherford expects a competitive training camp and season under coach Mike Johnston.

"It's not like guys are automatically put in a top-six or in the top-nine," Rutherford said. "We have enough good players now that guys are really going to have to compete for those spots and compete for them all year. If a guy falls off, there's a guy waiting to jump right in there." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Phil Kessel
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We made a huge impact when we added Phil Kessel. He's a very powerful skater with a lot of speed.

Penguins GM Jim Rutherford



Additions to the Penguins forward corps could take the offensive load off the shoulders of Evgeni Malkin, left, and Sidney Crosby. JUSTIN K. ALLER/GETTY IMAGES

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Tulowitzki excited for future with Jays

Troy Tulowitzki is recovering from the shock of being traded, but he's ready to start winning.

The Blue Jays' newly acquired shortstop made it clear that he's ready to get down to work after Tuesday's blockbuster deal that sent him and reliever LaTroy Hawkins from the Colorado Rockies to Toronto in exchange for shortstop Jose Reyes, reliever Miguel Castro and minor-league pitchers Jeff Hoffman and Jesus Tinoco.

Tulowitzki, who played his entire 10-year career in Colorado, had long heard rumours about being traded but expected Rockies ownership to tell him if he was going to be moved.

"To be with a different organization now is shocking," Tulowitzki said on Wednesday afternoon. "At the same time, I'm looking forward to the future because I see a winning team, a winning culture. I know they haven't won a World Series here in a while, so to be a part of something like that would be memorable."

"I think that's what you play this game for, to win. I think there's a great possibility here that that could happen and very soon."

And win they did. In his debut Wednesday night,



Troy Tulowitzki
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Tulowitzki led the Jays to an 8-2 win over the Philadelphia Phillies. The shortstop endeared himself to the Toronto fans by going 3-for-5 with a home run, three runs scored and three RBIs.

Prior to the game, Tulowitzki spoke to reporters of fitting in with his new teammates.

"I'm still shocked when I walk in to a clubhouse and it's not purple, it's different for me," said Tulowitzki, who said speaking with his family about the move put him at ease. "I think as games go on and I get some games under my belt and I meet these guys, go on a road trip, win some games, I think I'll feel more comfortable."

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CFL

Riders call on third-string QB after latest injury

First Darian Durant, now Kevin Glenn.

The Saskatchewan Roughriders' quarterback situation became more desperate Wednesday after the team placed Glenn on the six-game injured list with a torn pectoral muscle. The veteran suffered the injury in the club's 31-21 home loss to the Hamilton Tiger-Cats on Sunday.

That means rookie Brett Smith will make his first CFL start Friday night when the Riders visit the Edmonton Eskimos (3-1). Saskatchewan (0-5) is the league's lone remaining winless squad.

"I'm not putting pressure on him, it's football," head coach Corey Chamblin said of his rookie starter. "He doesn't have experience but he has youth."

Glenn took over starting duties after Durant suffered a season-ending Achilles injury in Saskatchewan's season-opening 30-26 loss to the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Head coach Corey Chamblin said Glenn won't require surgery. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RECIPE Grilled Zucchini, Tomato and Buffalo Mozzarella Stacks



EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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Ready in

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Ingredients

- 6 round slices zucchini (1-inch thick)
- 6 slices medium-sized red tomatoes (1/2-inch thick)
- 3 oz buffalo mozzarella cheese or smooth ricotta
- 6 slices medium-sized yellow tomatoes (1/2-inch thick)
- Balsamic glaze
- 1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
- 2 Tbsp maple syrup
- Chopped fresh basil

Directions

1. In a grill pan sprayed with vegetable oil, grill zucchini rounds, around four minutes per side,

just until slightly tender.

2. On large serving platter, place red tomato slices in a single row. Divide half of cheese over top tomatoes. Top with yellow tomato slices and divide remaining cheese over top. Add zucchini rounds.

3. In small skillet, add balsamic vinegar and maple syrup. Bring to a boil and cook for one to two minutes, just until bubbles cover entire surface. Drizzle over top tomato stacks and garnish with basil. If glaze gets too thick, gently reheat and add a little more maple syrup.

Nutrition per serving (makes 6 stacks)

- Calories 70
- Protein 4 g
- Carbohydrates 6 g
- Total fat 1.5 g
- Cholesterol 5 g
- Sodium 100 mg

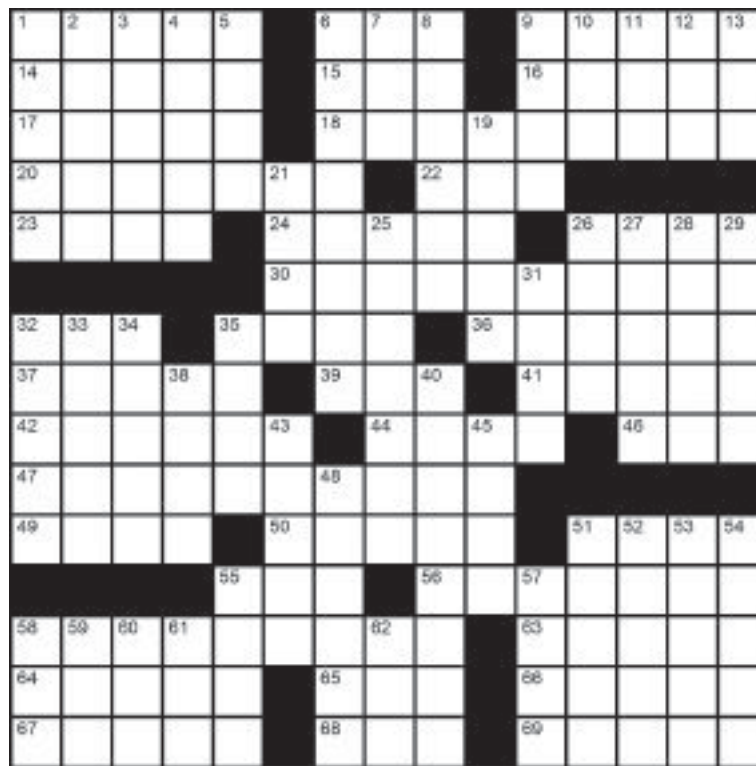
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Bird of Jove
6. "This Hour Has 22 Minutes" network
9. Gladden
14. Pasted
15. Diminutive suffix
16. Mr. Firth
17. Succulent plant
18. Break in the workday
20. "The ___ Code" (2006) starring Tom Hanks
22. ___-mo replay
23. Navigated waters
24. Arise
26. Regrettably
30. As per #6-Down, locale in the Yukon: 2 wds.
32. '60s hit: "___ My Party"
35. Dry
36. Religious lecture
37. Update a route
39. Not nope
41. Existence
42. Appearances
44. Lids
46. Kicker's peg
47. Coniferous tree delicacies: 2 wds.
49. Dwelling
50. Regards
51. ___ of St. Lawrence
55. Neutral shoe tone
56. Item in an eater's hand
58. Spanish author of Don Quixote



63. Scoundrel
64. Significant ___ (Special someone)
65. Record co.
66. Astound
67. Picture
68. Grumpy's

- co-worker
69. Thaws

DOWN

1. "Zounds!"
2. Pool nuisance
3. Tropical fruit
4. Mr. Strauss'

- jeans
5. "I Dream of Jeanie" star Barbara
6. July 30th to August 2nd, 2015: Yukon ___ Festival (Regional food celebration in Whitehorse)

- and #30-Across
7. ___-ray player
8. Population count
9. Canyonlinger
10. Movie studio area

11. Canadian journalist Mr. Velshi
12. Mr. Burton the director
13. Compass pt.
19. Namesakes of jazz singer Ms. Laine
21. Relinquish control
25. Honeybunch
26. Land amount
27. Speed ___
28. Repent
29. Abbey Theatre dramatist, J.M. ___ (b.1871 - d.1909)
31. Bird beaks
32. Bar soap brand, ___ Spring
33. Song's swiftness
34. Phoney well-wishery
35. On ___ (Without a contract)
38. Chill
40. Billboard chart fare: 2 wds.
43. Certain car
45. "Excuse me..."
48. Like a traveling circus venue
51. Garden guy
52. Regular
53. Hungarian composer, Franz ___ (b.1811 - d.1886)
54. Escapes
55. Root vegetable
57. "Rio Lobo" (1970) actor Jack
58. Police officer
59. Ordinal suffix
60. Greek alphabet's 17th letter
61. Verify
62. Goth rocker

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Be careful how you react to criticism today. If you let your enemies see that your feelings are hurt they will go out of their way to hurt you further. Pretend that you are not the slightest bit bothered.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You find it hard to be modest, but today you would be wise not to draw attention to your superiority because there is something you have missed that could make you look very silly.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
The best way to get over your negative mood is to throw yourself into an activity that you enjoy. It doesn't have to be important, just something that takes your mind off your worries.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You want to speak your mind today, but be warned: you could be the one who is the topic of conversation if you stray from the facts. What others say won't be pleasant.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is not a good time to say or do anything that might meet the disapproval of people in power. Yes, there are facts that need to be looked at but don't make a big deal of it.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you tread on someone's toes today the consequences could be painful for both of you! Minor differences could escalate quite rapidly into major disputes, so steer clear of people who offend easily.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The most important thing now is that you act as if you care, even if you don't. Others are counting on you to raise their spirits and if you are as nice a person as they say you are you will tell them what they need to hear.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You are never afraid to be controversial but today there is a danger that you will go too far and make an enemy of someone powerful. You may be brave, but ask yourself: is it worth the hassle?

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Don't neglect the needs of those you love in your haste to make a name for yourself on the work front. You could all too easily turn people against you.

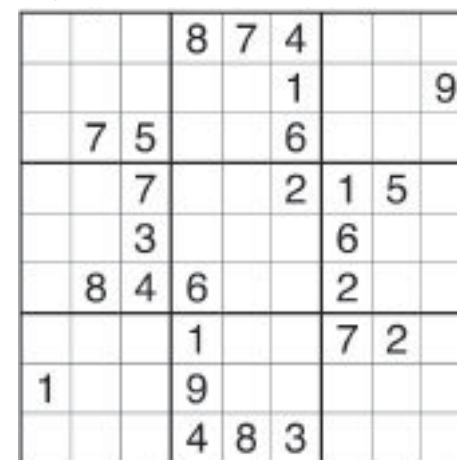
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If you help someone today they will repay the favour later, when you are the one in need. In a nutshell: be kind to others and they will more likely be kind to you.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The time has come to end some kind of partnership. It won't be easy but you know it must be done. In the long-term it will be good for you both.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You must be honest with yourself about what you want and what you have to do to get it. And if you come to the conclusion that the price is too high then lower your sights and aim for something less demanding.

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